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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly enter the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace claims 3-16 and 19-22 as follows.

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the mean particle size of the pore-forming agent is 0.1-500 μm , preferably is 0.5-100 μm and the most preferably 1-25 μm .

4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the pore-forming agent is selected from a group consisting of potassium salts, calcium salts, magnesium salts, amino acids, weak acids, carbohydrates, polymers with amino and/or acid functions or a composition wherein at least one of the components is selected from one of these groups.

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